



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001

August 4, 2000

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) 53SBNB067067

REFERENCE: MASS SPECTRA ASSESSMENT SERVICES

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

You are invited to submit a quote to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to provide Mass Spectra Assessment Services.

The designated Standard Industrial Code (SIC) for this procurement is 8748 and the related small business size standard is \$5 million. This requirement is 100% Small Business Set aside.

FAR Clause 52.213-4 Terms and Conditions-Simplified Acquisitions (Other than Commercial Items (July 2000) applies to this acquisition.

Department of Commerce Agency-Level Protest Procedures Level Above the Contracting Officer (DEC 1996) applies to this acquisition. The full text of this clause may be accessed electronically at this address: <http://www.nist.gov/admin/od/contract/protest.htm>

Quotations are to be received at the address not later than 3:00 P.M. local time on August 18, 2000.

National Institute of Standards and Technology
Acquisition and Assistance Division
Building 301, Room B117
100 Bureau Drive, STOP 3572
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-3572

All questions regarding this solicitation are to be submitted to Diane Loeb, Contracting Officer, on (301) 975-6399, via email dloeb@nist.gov no later than August 11, 2000

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SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30				1. REQUISITION NUMBER 838-0-1282		PAGE OF PAGES 1 13	
2. CONTRACT NUMBER		3. AWARD/EFF. DATE		4. ORDER NUMBER		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 53SBNB067067	
7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL -->		a. NAME Diane M. Loeb		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No Collect Calls) (301) 975-6399		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME 08/18/2000 3:00 PM	
9. ISSUED BY CODE		10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: 100.00 % FOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESSES <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL DISADV. BUSINESSES <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A) SIC: 8748 FSC: R499 SIZE STANDARD: \$5 Mil		11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE <input type="checkbox"/> 13a. THIS CONTRACT RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700) 13b. RATING 14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFQ <input type="checkbox"/> IFB <input type="checkbox"/> RFP		12. DISCOUNT TERMS	
15. DELIVER TO TO BE COMPLETED UPON AWARD CODE				16. ADMINISTERED BY SAME AS BLOCK 9 CODE			
17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR CODE				18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE Nat'l Inst of Standards & Tech Accounts Payable Division Building 101, Room A825 Gaithersburg, MD 20899-3733			
TELEPHONE NO.							
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19. ITEM NO	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES			21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
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0002	OPTION YEAR ONE ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY OF REPORTED			8500 8000	EA. EA.		
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25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt Use Only)	
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28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN 3 COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REFERENCE OFFER DATED . YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5) INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS: <input type="checkbox"/>			
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR				31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)			
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (TYPE OR PRINT)		31c. DATE SIGNED	
				Diane M. Loeb			
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41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT				42a. RECEIVED BY (Print)		40. PAID BY	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER		41c. DATE		42b. RECEIVED AT (Location)			
				42c. DATE REC'D (YY/MM/DD)		42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS	

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IMPORTANT: Mark all packages and papers with contract and/or order numbers.

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ITEM NO. (19)	SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (20)	QUANTITY ORDERED (21)	UNIT (22)	UNIT PRICE (23)	AMOUNT (24)	QUANTITY ACCEPTED (25)
0003	MASS SPECTRA USING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPOUND AND KNOWN GOOD QUALITY SPECTRA OF SIMILAR COMPOUNDS OPTION YEAR TWO ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY OF REPORTED MASS SPECTRA USING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPOUND AND KNOWN GOOD QUALITY SPECTRA OF SIMILAR COMPOUNDS	8500 8000	EA. EA.			
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1. STATEMENT OF WORK

Background

Mass spectral assessment services are sought for the Physical and Chemical Properties Division (PCPD) of the Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The PCPD has determined that a small number of errors are present in the NIST Mass Spectral Database. This error level is sufficient to decrease the quality of the Database. To reduce this error rate it is necessary to reassess the spectral data already contained in the NIST Mass Spectral Database.

Scope of Work

Assessment of the quality of reported mass spectra using the structure of the compound and known good quality spectra of similar compounds.

A high quality mass spectrum must satisfy either or both of the following conditions.

1. The mass spectrum of a compound with a given structure is reasonable by using probable losses from the molecular ion.
2. The mass spectrum of a compound with a given structure is reasonable given well established rearrangements of ions with corresponding neutral losses from the structure of the presumed starting compound.

A high quality mass spectrum will not exhibit any of the following conditions.

3. Contamination by air.
4. Contamination by water.
5. Contamination by isomers or other species that may coelute in gas chromatography columns.
6. Evidence of thermal decomposition of the molecule in the ion source of the mass spectrometer.
7. Evidence of ions resulting from species that have no stable ions.

The Database shall be reassessed with each spectra evaluated as follows:

- A. The spectrum is a good quality spectrum and should be included as is in the NIST Mass Spectral Database. This spectrum can be explained by conditions 1 and 2.
- B. The spectrum contains large contaminant peaks at the low masses, is missing low abundance ions, is missing isotopic ions, or is contaminated to a small extent throughout the mass range. These spectra can be explained by conditions 1 and 2 for the most part. Some portion of the mass spectrum may be due to either condition 3, condition 4, or condition 5 at low levels. The

recommended action must be specified (e.g., delete contaminant peaks, delete low mass peaks, adjust abundances of specific ions, leave spectrum as is but move to replicate library).

C. The spectrum is low quality. Spectra in this class have been contaminated more seriously, or more peaks have been missed than spectra classified by a B grade. Any spectrum exhibiting a combination of conditions 3, 4 and/or 5 must receive a C grade (e.g. air contamination and isomer contamination). Any spectrum exhibiting large isomer contamination, thermal degradation or signal from unstable ions(conditions 5, 6, and 7) must be given a C grade. The recommended action must be specified as for a grade B spectrum.

W. The spectrum is incorrect. Conditions 1 and 2 are not satisfied. If the error is due to an incorrect chemical structure or chemical name, the contractor shall recommend changes in the chemical structure, chemical name, or chemical formula. The contractor shall recommend whether the spectrum should be deleted from the NIST Mass Spectral Database.

In addition to the information required above, all reassessments shall be identified by at least two identifiers, i.e. NIST #, CAS registry number, or chemical structure. Since the majority of this data is free from errors, it is anticipated that this reassessment will be significantly faster than the initial assessment.

It is anticipated that the contractor will from time to time need direct contact with personnel at NIST to discuss error trends discovered in the data as well as to clarify problems that may be better addressed in a collegial setting. This contact requirement will be deemed satisfactory by regular email communications with NIST personnel. The contractor shall be responsible for providing the proper computer equipment for the programs supplied by NIST (Windows operating system on a PC computer with minimum of 120 Mbytes of free hard disk space).

2. CONTRACTOR 'S QUALIFICATION

The correlation of mass spectra to initial chemical structure cannot be done using computer tools today. It requires a good deal of experience in examining good and bad spectra. The minimum requirements for the bidder are a degree in chemistry and at least two years of experience analyzing mass spectra data for the purpose of finding errors and confirming structure/spectral consistency. Experience with routine mass spectra analysis is not sufficient for this purpose. Published papers showing research in correlating spectra to structure or documented prior experience with such correlations must be provided. The bidder must have demonstrated the ability to evaluate large quantities of Mass Spectral data finding errors due to common mistakes such as saturation, column degradation, compound misidentification or Transcription. This ability must be demonstrated by evidence of large mass spectral evaluations in the public literature or commercial databases that are available for examination at NIST.

3. GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

NIST will provide to the contractor copies of the spectra to be evaluated along with the names and chemical structures of the presumed starting compounds. These will be provided in the form of electronic files. In order to read the electronic files a copy of the NIST/EPA/NIH Mass Spectrometry Database will be made available to the contractor.

4. DELIVERABLES

For each spectrum the contractor shall grade the quality of the spectrum as A, B, C or W and detail any recommended action.

NIST will provide 16500 mass spectra per year for assessment. NIST will deliver a minimum of 4000 spectra per quarter for assessment. The contractor shall deliver the assessments in the form described above no later than 120 calendar days following the receipt of the spectra and structures from NIST.

5. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

The period of performance shall begin on the effective date of the contract and end no more than fifteen months after the effective date. Two additional option years have been included. These will extend the contract by 12 months for each option year.

6. INVOICING

The contractor may bill NIST on a monthly basis for the analyzed spectra. Invoices shall be submitted in an original and two copies to the following address:

National Institute of Standards and Technology
Accounts Payable Office
100 Bureau Drive, MS 3733
Gaithersburg, Md 20899-3733

To constitute a proper invoice for payment include the following information or attached documentation.

7. KEY PERSONNEL

- (a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel:
- (b) During the first ninety (90) days of performance, the Contractor shall make no Substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial 90-day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days prior to making any permanent substitutions.
- (c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutions should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The

Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor with 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. The contract will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

8. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY

The Contracting Officer (CO) is the only person authorized to make or approve any changes in any of the requirements of this purchase order and notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere in this purchase order, the said authority remains solely in the CO. In the event that the Contractor makes any changes at the direction of any person other than the CO, the changes will be considered to have been without authority and no adjustment will be made in the purchase order prices to cover any increase in costs incurred as a result thereof.

9. 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (AUG 1989)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the period specified in the Schedule.

10. 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 1989)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract; provided, that the Government shall give the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 60 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed three years.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERS

Submission of quotes. Submit signed and dated quotes to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show—

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (3) Price and any discount terms;
- (4) 'Remit to' address, if different than mailing address;
- (5) A completed copy of the representations and certifications;
- (6) Qualifications offer to provide resume and a list of pertinent publications required in paragraph 2 entitled, "Contractor's Qualifications" above.
- (7) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.
- (8) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number. The offer shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation 'DUNS' followed by the DUNS number that identifies the offeror's name and address. If the offer does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet to obtain one at no charge. An offeror with in the United States may call 1-800-333-0505. The offeror may obtain more information regarding the DUNS number, including locations of local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services offices for offerors located outside the United States, from the Internet home page at <http://www.customerservice@dnb.com>. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at globalinfo@mail.dnb.com

12. BASIS OF AWARD

Award will be made to the vendor whose overall quote demonstrates the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered. FAR 52.217-5, Evaluation of Options is applicable.

13. OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JUN 1996)

(a) Definitions.

"Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the standard industrial classification code designated.

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Small disadvantaged business concern" means a small business concern that-

(1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged, or a publicly owned business, having at least 51 percent of its stock unconditionally owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and

(2) Has its management and daily business controlled by one or more such individuals. This term also means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent unconditionally owned by an economically disadvantaged Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, or a publicly owned business having at least 51 percent of its stock unconditionally owned by one or more of these entities, which has its management and daily business controlled by members of an economically disadvantaged Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and which meets the requirements of 13 CFR Part 124.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern-

(1) Which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) Taxpayer identification number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6050M).

(1) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

____ TIN:_____.

____ TIN has been applied for.

____ TIN is not required because:

____ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;

____ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

____ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a Federal, state, or local government;

____ Other. State basis._____

(2) Corporate Status.

____ Corporation providing medical and health care services, or engaged in the billing and collecting of payments for such services;

____ Other corporate entity;

____ Not a corporate entity:

____ Sole proprietorship

____ Partnership

____ Hospital or extended care facility described in 26 CFR 501(c)(3) that is exempt from taxation under 26 CFR 501(a).

(3) Common Parent.

____ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent:

____ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____

TIN _____

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is to be performed inside the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia. Check all that apply.

(1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ____ is, ____ is not a small business concern.

(2) Small disadvantaged business concern. The offeror represents and certifies that it ____ is, ____ is not a small disadvantaged business concern.

(3) Women-owned small business concern. The offeror represents that it ____ is, ____ is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(4) and (c)(5) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(4) Women-owned business concern. The offeror represents that it ____ is, ____ is not, a women-owned business concern.

(5) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be

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incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(6) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has certified itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

(i) (Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the four designated industry groups (DIGs).)

The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ____ is, ____ is not an emerging small business.

(ii) (Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or four designated industry groups (DIGs).)

Offeror represents and certifies as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees	Average Annual Gross Revenues
___ 50 or fewer	___ \$1 million or less
___ 51 – 100	___ \$1,000,001 - \$2 million
___ 101 – 250	___ \$2,000,001 - \$3.5 million
___ 251 – 500	___ \$3,500,001 - \$5 million
___ 501 – 750	___ \$5,000,001 - \$10 million
___ 751 - 1,000	___ \$10,000,001 - \$17 million
___ Over 1,000	___ Over \$17 million

(d) Certifications and representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246--

(1) Certification of non-segregated facilities. (Applies only if the contract amount is

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expected to exceed \$10,000)--

By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees, any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location where segregated facilities are maintained. The offeror agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in the contract.

(2) Previous Contracts and Compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It ____ has, ____ has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject either to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation, the clause originally contained in Section 310 of Executive Order 10925, or the clause contained in Section 201 of Executive Order 11114; and

(ii) It ____ has, ____ has not, filed all required compliance reports.

(3) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that--

(i) It ____ has developed and has on file, ____ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR Subparts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It ____ has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) Buy American Act-Trade Agreements-Balance of Payments Program Certificate. (Applies only if FAR clause 52.225-9, Buy American Act-Trade Agreement-Balance of Payments Program, is included in this solicitation.) (1) The offeror hereby certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph f(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product (as defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act--Trade Agreements--Balance of Payments Program") and that components of unknown origin have been considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States, a designated country, a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) country, or a Caribbean Basin country, as defined in section 25.401 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(2) Excluded End Products:

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(List as necessary)

(3) Offers will be evaluated by giving certain preferences to domestic end products, designated country end products, NAFTA country end products, and Caribbean Basin country end products over other end products. In order to obtain these preferences in the

evaluation of each excluded end product listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, offerors must identify and certify below those excluded end products that are designated or NAFTA country end products, or Caribbean Basin country end products. Products that are not identified and certified below will not be deemed designated country end products, NAFTA country end products, or Caribbean Basin country end products.

Offerors must certify by inserting the applicable line item numbers in the following:

(i) The offeror certifies that the following supplies qualify as "designated or NAFTA country end products" as those terms are defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act--Trade Agreements--Balance of Payments Program":

(Insert line item numbers)

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies qualify as "Caribbean Basin country end products" as that term is defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act--Trade Agreements--Balance of Payments Program":

(Insert line item numbers)

(4) Offers will be evaluated in accordance with FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act--Balance of Payments Program. (Applies only if FAR clause 52.225-21, Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act--Balance of Payments Program, is included in this solicitation.) (i) Each end product being offered, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision, is a domestic end product (as defined in the clause entitled "Buy

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American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act--Balance of Payments Program." Components of unknown origin have been considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

(ii) Excluded End Products:

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(List as necessary)

(iii) Offers will be evaluated by giving certain preferences to domestic end products or NAFTA country end products over other end products. In order to obtain these preferences in the evaluation of each excluded end product listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision, offerors must identify below those excluded end products that are NAFTA country end products. Products that are not identified below will not be deemed NAFTA country end products. The following supplies qualify as "NAFTA country end products" as that term is defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement implementation Act--Balance of Payments Program"

(Insert line item numbers)

(iv) Offers will be evaluated in accordance with Part 25 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. In addition, if this solicitation is for supplies for use outside the United States, an evaluation factor of 50 percent will be applied to offers of end products that are not domestic or NAFTA country end products.

(2) Alternate I. If Alternate I to the clause at 52.225-21 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(iii) for paragraph (g)(1)(iii) of this provision:

(g)(1)(iii) Offers will be evaluated by giving certain preferences to domestic end products or Canadian end products over other end products. In order to obtain these preferences in the evaluation of each excluded end product listed in paragraph (b) of this provision, offerors must identify below those excluded end products that are Canadian end products. Products that are not identified below will not be deemed Canadian end products.

The following supplies qualify as "Canadian end products" as that term is defined in the clause entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act--Balance of Payments Program"

_____(Insert line item numbers)

(h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--

(1) The offeror and/or any of its principals _____ are, _____ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and

(2) _____ Have, _____ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and _____ are, _____ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) Procurement Integrity Certification (41 U.S.C. 423). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.)

I, the undersigned, am the officer or employee responsible for the preparation of this offer. I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that either--

_____ I have no information, or

_____ I have disclosed information to the Contracting Officer concerning a violation or possible violation of subsection (a), (b), (d) or (f) of 41 U.S.C. 423, Procurement Integrity, or its implementing regulations that may have occurred during the conduct of this procurement.

[Signature of the officer or employee responsible for the offer and date]